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Letters and Telegrams

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The Nautical Telegraph Code Book
And Postal Guide

Letters and Telegrams

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	CODE WORD	MEANING
A:		
1	**Aback**	I am very anxious about you. Have received no letter (or letters); write immediately.
2	**Abeam**	I much regret not hearing from you at this port. Write at once to the next port (here follows name of port if necessary).
3	**Aboard**	Thanks for your letters, Write to next port (here follows name of port if necessary).
4	**Abreast**	Cannot understand why you have not received my letters. I posted to you a week ago.
5	**Admiral**	Queer! You have not had my letters. I posted to you a month ago.
6	**Adrift**	I have posted to you regularly each mail since you (I) left - (here follows name of port or place if required).
7	**Afloat**	I am anxiously awaiting a reply to my letter (or letters).
8	**Afoul**	On what date did you post last?
9	**Aft**	I am posting to you (again) to-day.
10	**After**	I have posted letters to each port you mentioned.
11	**Ahead**	I shall be pleased to hear that you have received my letters.
12	**Ahold**	To what port did you address my letters?
13	**Ahoy**	Sorry could not write before. We have only just arrived here.
14	**Ahull**	I am sorry could not write. I have been ill, but am now much better.
15	**Airpu**	Your letters have been addressed to -- (here follows name of port).
16	**Albacore**	Your letter or letters were addressed to c/o British Consulate.
17	**Albatross**	Your letter or letters were addressed to c/o Agents.
18	**Almanac**	Your letter or letters were addressed to c/o Ship.
19	**Aloft**	Your letter or letters were addressed to c/o Owners.
20	**Altitude**	Your letter or letters were addressed to c/o Post Office
21	**Ambergris**	Your letter or letters were addressed to c/o -- (here follows person's name).
22	**Amidships**	You should receive my letters shortly.
23	**Amplitude**	You should receive my letters by next mail.
24	**Anchor**	My last letter to you will arrive on or about the -- (here follows number indicating date).
25	**Anchorage**	Ascertain at post-office when the next mail arrives. You may expect a letter (or letters).
26	**Anchorless**	Mails have been delayed.
27	**Aneroid**	I shall await mails before proceeding.
28	**Angle**	There are no mails leaving for some days.
29	**Apeak**	Ther are no mails arriving for some days.
30	**Aplustre**	Mail leaves here to-day.
31	**Apoop**	I Just missed the mail on my arrival. Shall post by the next one.
32	**Apprentice**	Mail left shortly after my arrival, but post was closed.
33	**Aquamarine**	Mail has just arrived, but cannot wait for letters; they will follow ship.
34	**Aquatic**	There are no other mails arriving before I leave.
35	**Arctic**	I have instructed agents to return letters home.
36	**Arcturus**	Forward all letters to me here, or to -- (here follows name of port).
37	**Argonaut**	Keep all letters until I return.
38	**Argosy**	Have my letters been forwarded?
39	**Ark**	Keep all letters until further instructions.
40	**Armada**	Please tell -- (here follows name of person) not to forward letters.
41	**Arsenal**	Your letters were posted by the -- (here follows name of ship or line).
42	**Ashore**	There is yet time to receive letters from you at next port if you write at once -- (name of port if necessary).
43	**Astay**	Address letters to me at -- c/o Agents.*
44	**Astern**	Address letters to me at -- c/o British Consul.*
45	**Astrand**	Address letters to me at -- c/o (name of person).*
46	**Astrolabe**	Kindly ask if there are letters for met at --.
47	**Astrology**	I should be much obliged if you will see that my letters are properly forwarded.
48	**Astronomy**	Bring all letters with you.
49	**Aswim**	Can I bring letters with me? (or forward them?).
50	**Atrip**	There are a number of letters here for you.
51	**Aurora**	Refer to my last letter (date follows here if necessary).
52	**Avast**	I have written to -- (here follows name of person), and instructed him (or her) about the matter.
53	**Awash**	Your letters left here to-day.
54	**Awave**	Your letters leave by next mail.
55	**Aweigh**	Mails arrive here to-day.
56	**Awning**	Your letters are on their way to you.
57	**Azimuth**	Write at once and tell me what I am to do.
	*	Code names can be prearranged; this will save expense.
B:		
58	**Back**	Do not post after the -- (here follows number indicating date), as we shall have left here.
59	**Backing**	You can write here again one more mail.
60	**Badge**	You can write here again two more mails.
61	**Baft**	You can write here again three more mails.
62	**Ballast**	Post here each mail until you hear from me again.
63	**Bank**	I have only just received your letter (or letters).
64	**Barbette**	Do not write, as we are now leaving for -- (name of port).
65	**Barge**	Write me a longer letter.
66	**Barnacle**	Am surprised at receiving such a short letter. Write longer ones.

67	**Barometer**	Am very glad to hear at last from you.
68	**Barque**	Letters follow (or letter follow).
69	**Batten**	Yes, you may write as often as you like.
70	**Bay**	Can I write to you at this port (or --, name of port follows here).
71	**Beach**	Annoyed at not hearing from you.
72	**Beacon**	Do nothing until you receive my letter.
73	**Beam**	Should be pleased if you will write frequently.
74	**Belay**	Fancy only receiving one letter from you after all this time.
75	**Bell**	Explain more fully. I cannot understand.
76	**Bend**	I am delighted to hear it.
77	**Berth**	It is quite impossible.
78	**Bethel**	Have not had a moment to spare, or should have written.
79	**Bight**	We are detained here, so write as often as possible.
80	**Bilge**	Hearing from you again is indeed a pleasure.
81	**Billow**	My fondest love to you.
82	**Billyboy**	My fondest love to you and children (or child).
83	**Binnacle**	Please yourself about the matter.
84	**Binocular**	No. I should not advise you to do so.
85	**Biscuit**	Yes. I quite agree with you.
86	**Bitts**	I feel quite sure that whatever you do it will be for the best.
87	**Blizzard**	Where am I to write to?
88	**Block**	Send me your new address.
89	**Blubber**	Do not be anxious if you do not hear from me for some time. Of course I will first possible opportunity.
90	**Board**	I will keep on writing until you advise further.
91	**Boarding**	You must have made a mistake in the address.
92	**Boat**	You are quite mistaken, it is not so. Letter explains all.
93	**Boating**	No; cannot find letters. Have inquired everywhere.
94	**Boatman**	Write to owners.
95	**Boatswain**	Owners promised to inform you of any change in address/
96	**Bobstay**	You will hear from owners as soon as they know definitely.
97	**Boiler**	Do not post if you think it will not reach me in time.
98	**Bollard**	Inquire at post-office. They will tell you all about mails.
99	**Bolster**	No letters from you on our arrival here.
100	**Bomb**	Mails from here are very slow and irregular.
101	**Boom**	Please forward the following message to wife by telegraph in Nautical Code (here follows address if necessary).
102	**Bottom**	Please forward my communication by telegraph, and pay for its transmission.
103	**Bottomry**	Please forward the following message to -- (here follows name of person and address) in Nautical Code,
104	**Bow**	Kindly send by post the following massage from Nautical Code -- (here follows address).
105	**Bower**	Please send answer in Nautical Code to Signal Station at -- addressed to ship.
106	**Bowline**	The Nautical Telegraph Code.
107	**Bowsprit**	I have just received your telegram.
108	**Boxhaul**	Reply by telegraph in Nautical Code if possible.
109	**Braces**	I shall be much obliged if you will forward following Code message to wife on your arrival in port.
110	**Brackish**	Shall be much obliged if you will forward following message to -- (here follows name and address), on your arrival in port.
111	**Brail**	Kindly answer my telegram at once.
112	**Breaker**	Reply by cable; no time to write.
113	**Breech**	Shall cable name of next port as soon as I know.
114	**Breeze**	Will cable when leaving here.
115	**Bridge**	Cable full instructions.
116	**Brig**	Cannot leave until I receive your telegram.
117	**Brigantine**	Received your telegram here on arrival.
118	**Brine**	Received your telegram on arrival at -- (here follows name of port).
119	**Briny**	I shall expect to receive your telegram at -- (here follows name of port).
120	**Broach**	Wire me c/o Agents here.
121	**Broadside**	Wire me c/o Consul here.
122	**Bucket**	Wire me c/o Agent at -- (name of port).
123	**Bulk**	Wire me c/o -- (here follows name of person) here.
124	**Bulky**	Wire me c/o Consul at -- (name of port).
125	**Bulwark**	Wire me c/o -- (here follows name of person) at --.
126	**Bumbo**	You will be allowed to wire in Nautical Code at the next port.
127	**Bumpkin**	You cannot wire in Nautical Code to -- (here follows name of port); wire to -- (here follows name of port).
128	**Bunk**	A cablegram in Secret Code will only be allowed at --.
129	**Bunker**	Cable to agents here where I can get letters.
130	**Bunt**	Cable me name of agents at your port.
131	**Bunting**	Cable me name of agents at next port.
132	**Buntline**	Cable me name of agents at -- (here follows name of port).
133	**Buoy**	Cable me where you wish your letters addressed.
134	**Buoyage**	Cable me your new address.
135	**Buoyancy**	Cable me if all are well.
136	**Burden**	Cable me here in Nautical Code.
137	**Burgee**	Cable me immediately; why so silent?
138	**Burgoo**	Cable me if important; if not, write.

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139	**Cabin**	Cable me here.
140	**Caboose**	Cable me there.
141	**Cachalot**	Cable me to -- (here follows name of port).
142	**Caique**	Cable me if you are no better.
143	**Caisson**	Cable me immediately, and let me know the worst.
144	**Calm**	Cable me. I am uncertain as to what I should do.
145	**Canal**	Cable me results, but do what you think best.
146	**Canoe**	Cable me if I am to take new house.
147	**Canopus**	Cable me if you think house suitable.

148	**Cant**	Cable me date of your last letter.
149	**canvass**	Cable me, but hurry up. I am waiting on shore.
150	**Cape**	Cable me, but hurry up. I am waiting to leave
151	**Capricorn**	Cable me, I cannot find -- (here follows name of article) anywhere.
152	**Capsize**	Cable me at once.
153	**Capstan**	Cable me at once; cannot understand why you have not replied to my wire before this.
154	**Captain**	Cable me to next port; no answer to my telegram here.
155	**Careen**	I will on arrival at next port.
156	**Careenage**	I will wire on arrival at -- (here follows name of port).
157	**Cargo**	Cable as soon as you have let house.
158	**Carrack**	House has been let.
159	**Casemate**	Satisfactory in getting matters settled.
160	**Cast**	I am moving to new house.
161	**Castaway**	Wire if I am to take new house.
162	**Cat**	I have succeeded in finding better house; rent -- (here follows amount, expressed in pounds if necessary).
163	**Catamaran**	Rent too high.
164	**Cataract**	I think it would suit us.
165	**Cathead**	I shall move to another house next quarter.
166	**Catalan**	I shall move to another house shortly.
167	**Catalpa**	A house has been offered me in -- (here follows name of street or place, also rent if necessary). What am I to do?
168	**Catasta**	I shall be at new house when you return.
169	**Caulk**	Better to wait until my return before deciding.
170	**Caulker**	House quite unsuitable; I shall move.
171	**Chain**	I will do the best I possibly can.
172	**Chalk**	You may expect another wire tomorrow.
173	**Channel**	
174	**Chaplain**	I cannot find -- (here follows name of article) anywhere.
175	**Chart**	Never mind; don't worry. I have found it.
176	**Charter**	I am living at (or with) -- (here follows name of person or place) until your return.
177	**Chock**	I did not expect to hear such good news.
178	**Chute**	I expect to have left before reply arrives.
179	**Cleat**	I have requested owners to telegraph.
180	**Clew**	I have expected to hear about -- before this.
181	**Cliff**	Much relieved after receiving your telegram.
182	**Clio**	I have requested agent to telegrapf.
183	**Coable**	Do not act on the letter recently posted to you.
184	**Coamings**	Have you seen -- yet?
185	**Coast**	Quite unexpected!
186	**Coaster**	Register your letter.
187	**Coasting**	Your letter (or letters) have been sent by registered post.
188	**Coastwise**	I posted a letter to you to-day but forgot to enclose --.
189	**Cockpit**	Please return the letter sent recently, unopened.
190	**Cog**	I cannot describe in a telegram; will wait until I see you.
191	**Coil**	I cannot describe in a letter; will wait until I see you.
192	**Collide**	I cannot describe in a telegram, will write.
193	**Collier**	Will immediately attend to your wire just received.
194	**Collision**	Will immedaiatelu attend to your letter just received.
195	**Command**	Do not understand the first portion of your letter.
196	**Commerce**	Do not understand the latter portion of your letter
197	**Commission**	Post by passenger train at once c/o guard.
198	**Commodore**	Have been daily expecting a letter from my husband; telegrapf how he is.
199	**Companion**	Have been daily expecting a letter from my wife; telegrapf how she is.
200	**Compass**	I did not mean what I said in my last letter.
201	**Conning***	Where can I write so that you receive my letter in time.
202	**Conch**	You know the address. Same as lst time.
203	**Cone**	Letter follows. Strictly confidential.
204	**Conger**	Wire, c/o -- Hotel.
205	**Consort**	Wire, c/o -- Post Restante.
206	**Contline**	Address letters, c/o -- Hotel.
207	**Contraband**	Address telegrams -- here.
208	**Convoy**	Address telegrams --.
209	**Coracle**	Get a telegraphic address.
210	**Coral**	Wire telegraphic address in reply.
211	**Cormorant**	Telegraphic address is --.
212	**Corocore**	Consult a solicitor and write me at once.
213	**Corvette**	Cannot act on your letter or wire.
214	**Cot**	Refer to my letter of the --.
215	**Counter**	Repeat all letters from the --.
216	**Coxswain**	Code messages not allowed.
217	**Craft**	Write and send photo.
218	**Cringle**	Letter received but no parcel.
219	**Cruiser**	Your letters are possibly intercepted.
220	**Ctenophora**	I shall be extrmely obliged if you will reply to my letter.
221	**Cuddy**	Have you proof that letters were sent?
222	**Cutter**	Sorry I cannot explain fully by tlegram; will wite all details.
223	**Cyclone**	I am delighted to receive your letter or letters. Glad to hear you are well. You will have a long letter from me first mail. Am pleased to say everything slendid here. Looking anxiously forward to meeting you again. Much love.
224	**Cyclops**	Should any letters arrive in my absence, please forward them.
225	**Cygnet**	Please keep all letters until my return.
226	**Cymar**	Will you please write to -- about --.
227	**Cyst**	There is a vacancy in --. You should apply for it at once.
228	**Cystic**	See solicitors ans ask them to write at once.
	*	These code words are given, but without sentences, in previous editions. Their utility here should be appreciated. - Author.
	NOTE	In this International Code Signal Book the flags **|SEK** and **|IZC** stand for Nautical Code. This signal can be made in two hoists, and if this book is on board both vessels, private

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